

## HADES AND THE LAWYERS.

The doctor, with anger, grew white and then blue, and swore that the Devil he promptly would sue, "You can't," cried the Devil, "and that's very clear: We never have yet had a lawyer down here."

From the "Doctor's Lawsuit," by Judge H. A. Melvin.

The doctor was puzzled, as well he might be, But said, "You live up to your record, I see." "What record?" quoth Satan, and punched up the fires. "The one that claims you the Prince of all Liars." "Now that reputation," the Devil replied, "Is one unto which I am pointing with pride; But since while on earth, you were friendly to me, And sent many victims my hothouse to see, I do not mind saying—sub rosa, you know— It was much truth I told you a moment ago. You may seek till you weary of sulphurous smell: But you will never find a lawyer in hell."

"See here!" cried the doctor, "this puzzle explain, For I've met several lawyers, I mention with pain, And if you couldn't snare them the game's up to you, To prove that your sheol is not a misnomer. Explain, and I'll do what gives doctors a chill: That is, you'll opine, I will cancel my bill."

"A go!" cried the Devil; to you I'll make clear Just why you'll not find a lawyer down here. The reasons are two, and to you I will own The first is my longing to hold to my thorne; If lawyers came here there is never a doubt They would file a mandamus to hush me out. My title is just, but I noticed with awe That Justice sometimes shies away from the law. Oh, this hell, as I run it, knows trouble and loss, But what would it be if a lawyer were boss?

The first reason this; the second counts more; When this hadcan hostelry opened of yore We took in the sinners of various styles. The sinner who smiles, the sinner who frowns, The sinner who swears, the sinner who cants, The sinner in skirts, the sinner in pants— We took them all in, not a one was debarr'd, And fricasseed sinner was oft on the card; We noticed at last with a feeling of gloom, That the influx of lawyers left others no room. We couldn't make Hades a lawyer's resort. For though we've fallen we've pride of a sort: And so on the outside we built an annex. Which is occupied now by disciples of Lex, "You see," Satan said, and prepared to be gone, "Even Imps are aware that a line should be drawn." "I see," said the doctor, and he chuckled with glee, While the hadcan corridors echoed, "Tehee!"

—A. J. Waterhouse.

The case of Mrs. Trautman, the wife of a physician of high social standing, who was arrested on a charge of robbery and put in a cell with drunken and disreputable wo-

men on the evidence of a shortsighted man is being much discussed as it illustrates the peril in which the New York woman moves. Here is a man who is so short sighted that he has to wear double glasses, and who is subsequently found to have given two addresses, yet, on his uncorroborated testimony he procures the arrest, on the public street, on a disgraceful charge, of a lady of high social standing who is locked up with the usual indignities and bailed out after considerable delay. The disquieting thing about the whole incident, no matter how it can be considered, is that it suggests a grave danger to the innocent for the police commissioner has laid it down that the officer has no course open to him but to make the arrest when the charge was made. On being taken to the station Mrs. Trautman handed the desk sergeant her card, told what she was and asked that her friends be sent for but it was all of no avail. It must have been apparent to the police that Mrs. Trautman was a woman of culture and refinement and the question is being asked on all sides why they did not take steps to ascertain if her statement was correct before they made her herd with disreputable women. Though Mrs. Trautman was completely vindicated of the charge made against her it is plain that to a woman of refinement her sufferings were terrible, still she did not plead for the release of her accuser when he was arrested on a charge of malicious prosecution and false arrest.

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Wednesday, cake.  
Thursday, tummy  
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—Courier-Journal.

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One of the prettiest weddings of last season was solemnized at the beautiful home of Mr. J. J. Priest the 31st of December when his accomplished daughter, Miss Lee, was married to Mr. Jno. G. Morris, of Ocala. Loving hands had searched the flower gardens and nearby forest for flowers and evergreens to express appreciation of this enjoyable event. Roses, violets, yellow jessamine, ferns, and evergreens were arranged in arches and tasty decorations which made this lovely home a small fairy-land.

Promptly at 10 o'clock the bridal party descended the stairs and entered the spacious parlor where they were met by Rev. N. B. Plummer, pastor of the Red Level church, who read the beautiful ceremony and united these popular young people. After receiving congratulations from the many friends and relatives who were present the bridal party and guests were invited to the dining room where ample refreshments had been served in the good old southern style.

The bride and bridesmaids were gowned in white silk decorated with dainty lace trimmings. The bride has many friends here and is an accomplished and beautiful young lady. Her father, Mr. J. J. Priest, is one of the oldest pioneer settlers in this portion of Florida and is a fine type of the old southern stockman and farmer.

The groom, Mr. Jno. G. Morris, is a well known young man of Ocala, having a position with the S. A. L. railway, and is a promising young man of excellent ability. He is also quite well known in this section having been employed here part of last year.

The bridesmaids, Miss Maude Needham and Miss Susie Morris, sister of the groom, are both popular Ocala young ladies and intimate friends of the bride.

The groomsmen were J. A. Morris, of Ocala, brother of the groom, and Victor E. Charpia, of Crystal River.

The entrance of the wedding party into the parlor was very prettily arranged as follows: First to enter the room were Miss Needham and Mr. J. A. Morris, followed by Miss Susie Morris and Mr. Victor E. Charpia, then came the bride and groom. A very pretty scene was affected by the arrangement of the bridal party before the minister.

Mrs. C. C. Sanders, an intimate friend of both the bride and groom, assisted the bride's mother in the arrangements of the wedding details. As it was a quiet wedding only intimate friends and relatives of the bride and groom were present.

Several handsome presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris left on the 1:00 train for Ocala, where they will be at home to their many friends at the residence of Mr. Jas. Morris for the present.—Crystal River News.

## HARRIMAN FACES INQUISITORS.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Federal investigation of the Harriman system of railroads, which was postponed from December 28th to accommodate Mr. Harriman, was opened here today. The proceedings will be of the greatest importance as the investigation is aimed to determine whether, broadly, a single railroad interest is likely to come into domination of the transportation system of the country in the near future, as it is now asserted that the rapid growth of the Harriman lines will cause inquiry as to whether the Standard Oil group which is assumed to back Harriman is in the way of securing control of the railway interests of the country.

It is known to the members of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, who are conducting the investigation, and to Attorneys Kellogg and Severance, who will handle the points of law at issue, that the administration considers this the most important step it has yet taken against any railroad combination. The government was aroused by the wonderful strides of Harriman and Attorney Kellogg today announced that every power will be exhausted to break the great Harriman merger and check its march towards centralization. Harriman, however, realizes that he has aroused the energies of the administration and is about to fight a political battle as well as a financial one. Special Attorney Kellogg and Severance have, it is stated, collected evidence to show that the Harriman mergers were combinations formed to stifle competition and it is also stated that Mr. Stuyvesant Fish, the deposed president of the Illinois Central Road, control of which was purchased by the Harriman interests, will give some important evidence in connection with the merger during the inquiry.

It is expected that evidence will be adduced which will show how Harriman from the status of an unknown broker rose to be absolute dominator of 25,000 miles of railroad and the Inter-State Commerce Commission announce that they propose to learn how it was made possible for a man in a few years to figure himself into control of \$2,000,000,000 worth of property.

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